

FLOOD DANGER IS VERY MUCH LESS

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)
DAYTON, Ohio, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—The dead by flood and fire in Dayton will not exceed three hundred persons. This statement is based on an investigation today which has covered all parts of the city. Those districts which had been expected to show the longest roll of deaths have been found almost free from death.

Reports, however, are still awaited from North Dayton and Riverdale, where the levees are supposed to have broken. The first men to penetrate these regions report that there have not been many deaths in North Dayton and but few in Riverdale. Famine is general throughout the city, but this condition is being rapidly remedied.

Some Streets Clear.

For the first time since the flood all water is off the street in front of the Algonquin Hotel. The water reached the second story the first two days.

The downtown streets were crowded today with hungry citizens. The people joined in the ruined streets, they are glad to be alive. The survivors joked and cried and laughed by turns. Most of them had prepared to die by either fire or water.

Another Fire.

Fire broke out again this morning in the plant of Geo. Balas Bros. Plating Company, across from the Beaver Building, where persons are marooned.

Hundreds of persons were removed last night and today from the endangered territory. Every institution in South Dayton is packed with refugees and hundreds are sheltered in various residences. It was reported that rescuers and supplies had reached North Dayton.

Martial law prevails throughout the city.

The bodies of two women clasped in a last embrace were found in one of the flooded houses here today. A note pinned on the dress of one of the women said, "Hawke, mother and daughter."

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

INDIANAPOLIS, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Encouraging reports from flood swept Indiana were received here today. Although it will be months before normal conditions are restored, it is believed that relief has reached all flood refugees in central and northern Indiana. Franklin county was hard hit, especially the town of Brooksville, but it is not believed the dead list will exceed fifty.

The most discouraging reports today came from the lower end of the Wabash River. It is reported today the flood crest had reached this section and trouble there was just starting. More than two thousand refugees are being cared for here and boats are scouring West Indianapolis and Broad Ripple for marooned sufferers.

The property loss throughout the State may reach \$50,000,000. A thorough search in the houses in West Indianapolis today failed to reveal a single death. The river is nearly at its normal depth. Rumors of heavy fatalities here are all dissipated today.

QUAYMAS, Mexico, March 29.—(By Associated Press Cable)—It is rumored that a troopship, carrying Mexican federalists, has been blown up and sunk by the rebels.

Tobacco Revolt Crumples.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)
MEXICO CITY, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Lack of familiarity with steamboats resulted in the swift crippling of Mexico's latest rebellion, inaugurated yesterday in the State of Tabasco.

One hundred and seventy men of the Third Infantry, commanded by Colonel Valome at San Juan Bautista, revolted with the cry of "Viva Madero." They looted the houses and robbed the branch of the National Bank and then embarked on a river steamer. The boat founder a short distance from shore and one hundred and five of the rebels were drowned.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Improved conditions everywhere throughout the flooded districts of Ohio and Indiana are reported today. Rapidly receding waters and cessation of rains made explorations by rescue parties possible and these reported that the early estimates of death in both Ohio and Indiana were greatly exaggerated. Revised and conservative estimates placed the total number of deaths in Ohio and Indiana as low as one hundred.

Suffering from lack of food has been eliminated and with clear and cold weather prevailing in both of the stricken States the danger of pestilences is over.

Greatly Improved.

The Ohio River is on a rampage in certain sections but conditions are greatly improved, although commerce is paralyzed and will be for days. Telegraph and railroad service is demoralized in Ohio. A similar situation prevails in Indiana.

It is believed here today that by noon every refugee in both Indiana and Ohio will be housed and fed. The property loss is estimated today at \$100,000,000.

Colonel Harger commanding the Fourth Regiment of the State militia, who is directing here, estimated that one hundred dead have been located on Columbus wrecks.

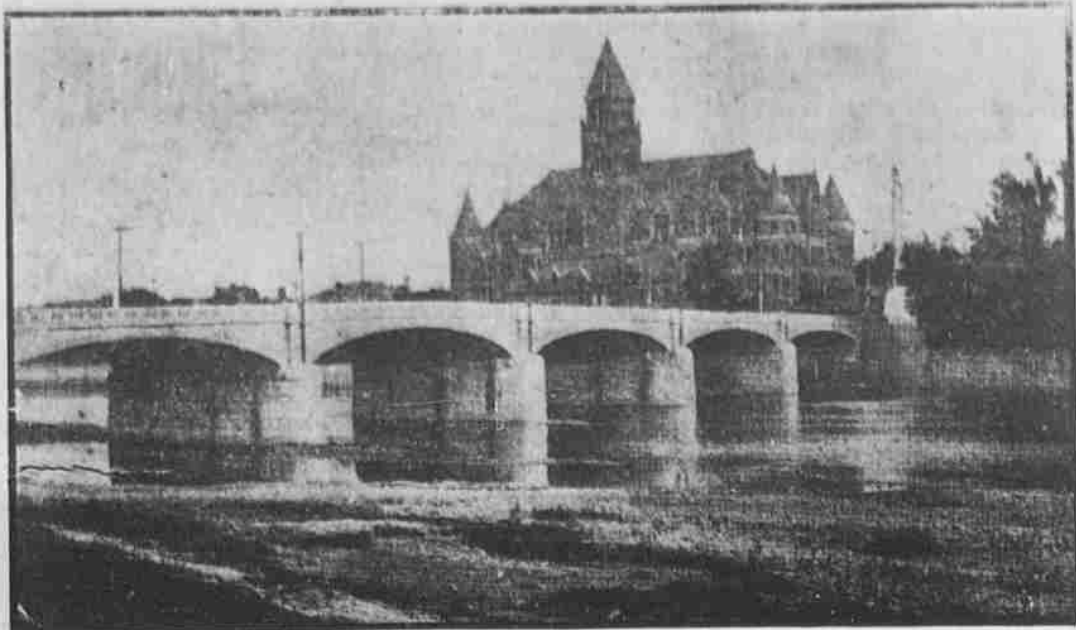
Zanesville Still Isolated.

Zanesville is isolated and it is impossible to verify reports that one hundred and fifty are dead there and many others starving. Special trains steamed by able troops are making frantic efforts to reach Zanesville.

FREE TRANSMISSION

The Federal Wireless Telegraph company yesterday announced that it is prepared to transmit free of cost all communications intended for the sufferers.

DAYTON HYSTERICAL IN RELIEF FROM DANGER PAST



MAIN STREET BRIDGE IN DAYTON AND STEEL HIGH SCHOOL—THIS BRIDGE HAS BEEN WASHED AWAY.

Quick and Generous Response to Appeal For Aid to Flood Sufferers Comes

Bills Rushed by Both Houses to Provide Relief Fund.

(From Saturday Advertiser)

Generous hearted Hawaii, quick to respond to the pitiful call for help which has come from flood and fire stricken Ohio and Indiana yesterday, began sending to the unfortunate sufferers the first substantial aid within its power, gold to buy food and medicine for the sick, hungry and stricken, the injured and dying. In both houses of the legislature measures were introduced appropriating \$10,000, subject to the order of the Governor and to be called as soon as the measures can be rushed through each branch of the lawmaking body.

Two Bills Introduced.

Representative Watkins introduced one measure in the house, while Senator Wirtz introduced a similar bill in the senate. The measures passed first reading in both houses, were made special orders for today and by next Tuesday it is believed one of the two acts will have reached the Governor for his signature. By Tuesday night at the latest it is believed the first five thousand dollars from the territorial treasury will have been telegraphed to the stricken people now battling for their lives against fire and water, sleet and snow.

Abundant Aid Assured.

Fifty thousand dollars or more, if needed, are at the disposal of the sufferers, say the legislators. Never was response to a call for aid more prompt. Not even when the news came from San Francisco that the fair city by the Golden Gate was devastated by earthquake and fire and that its people were naked and homeless was the action of the people more spontaneous.

Senator Wirtz, whose boyhood was spent in the sections now laid low, made an eloquent plea in introducing his bill yesterday. Representative Watkins also made a brief speech in behalf of the stricken States in presenting his measure. Following is a copy of the Watkins bill:

"Whereas, Great disaster has fallen upon the State of Ohio and other adjoining States and many of their citizens are suffering from the ravages of flood and fire, and

"Whereas, An appeal to the Nation for relief has been made by the President of the United States, and it is fitting that this Territory should respond in so far as it may, therefore

"Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii:

"Section 1. The sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) Dollars is hereby appropriated out of the general revenues of the Territory, to be immediately available and to be expended under the direction of and by the Governor, in such manner as he may deem wise, for the assistance, aid and relief of sufferers from the present disasters in the State of Ohio and other adjoining States."

RELIEF BOATS ARE WORKING AT PERU

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

PERU, Indiana, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Relief expeditions are arriving close enough to forward supplies by boats to those suffering there and conditions are being rapidly bettered.

A search is being made for bodies. The head of one of the principal relief squads thinks the fatalities will approximate fifty. There are scores of refugees in the hills south of here.

HUMORIST AND HIS FRIENDS ARE SAFE

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

FRENCH LICK, Indiana, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Harry Payne Whitney, John Fox Jr., Peter Vixley France and others who have been marooned in a hotel here were reported safe today.

HAMILTON DEATH LIST IS A LARGE ONE

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

HAMILTON, Ohio, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Fifty corpses are identified and many hundreds missing. The streets are piled high with debris and it is estimated many of the dead are buried by it.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST CARRIES NAMES OF THE RICH AND POOR

(From Saturday Advertiser)

Here is the list of the people of Honolulu who responded so promptly to the far-off cries of the starving and naked children and their stricken mothers and fathers, the sick and wounded and the dying people in the stricken states of Ohio, Indiana and Nebraska. They have come forth nobly and proved to the world that Hawaii is not slow in going to the aid of those who have so suddenly found themselves helpless. It is a roll of honor which sheds glory on the name of the newest Territory in the Union. And it will grow larger and larger as the next few days pass.

Rich and Poor Respond.

Rich and poor alike will grace the column, for whether your contribution amounts to only five cents or five thousand dollars it is known that it will represent the offering of one who is giving all within his or her power to save a life or relieve a sufferer.

Clark Biggs of Iliya, Ohio, was among the late contributors at The Advertiser office last night. He handed in ten dollars. The local lodge of Elks reported having cabled \$250 to the sufferers through its exalted ruler. Even the students and faculty of the Mills school took up a collection netting \$16.75. Julius Asch gave five dollars. A similar amount came from Lewis Garrison.

Contributions of five hundred dollars and two hundred and fifty dollars were numerous and in every instance they were accompanied with the statement that more money is ready if needed.

Roll of Honor.

The subscribers are:

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| C. Brewer & Co. | \$500.00 |
| Alexander & Baldwin | 500.00 |
| Hackfeld & Co. | 500.00 |
| Ohio Railway & Land Co. | 500.00 |
| Davies & Co. | 500.00 |
| Castle & Cooke | 500.00 |
| Fertilizer Works | 500.00 |
| Honolulu Iron Works | 250.00 |
| Inter-Island S. S. Co. | 250.00 |
| Schaefer & Co. | 250.00 |
| Charles M. Cooke, Ltd. | 100.00 |
| Mary Castle Trust | 100.00 |
| Miss Ermine Cross | 10.00 |
| Fred L. Waldron, Ltd. | 25.00 |
| L. T. Peck | 10.00 |
| John Guild | 10.00 |
| Kakaia Mission | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Carl Andrews | 4.00 |
| G. P. Castle | 50.00 |
| Waterhouse Trust Co. | 50.00 |
| Mrs. J. M. Young | 10.00 |
| Mrs. and Mrs. Westervelt | 75.00 |
| Andrew | 1.00 |
| Friend | 25.00 |
| Mrs. H. C. Coleman | 25.00 |
| George Carter | 25.00 |
| Mrs. George Carter | 25.00 |
| A. F. Cooke | 10.00 |
| J. P. Cooke | 50.00 |
| George Davies | 25.00 |
| Mrs. Mary J. Hall | 5.00 |
| Von Hamm Young Co. | 25.00 |
| Mrs. Hayward | 1.00 |
| Mrs. William Love | 10.00 |
| Miss Mary Moore | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Edwin Bennett | 5.00 |
| McClendless Bros. | 25.00 |
| Carl W. Tuerke | 5.00 |
| Three Ohio Children | 5.00 |
| Mr. Z. K. Myers | 5.00 |
| Mr. Jack Milton | 5.00 |
| J. J. Williams | 2.00 |
| M. S. S. | 5.00 |
| Ohio Fund | 1.00 |
| Evelyn Kabe | 25.00 |
| Am. Church | 5.00 |
| I. D. Gaskell | 2.50 |
| G. W. McCarthy | 5.00 |
| A. Friend | 1.00 |
| Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitney | 10.00 |
| Arthur P. Wall | 5.00 |
| James D. Dougherty | 5.00 |
| Mrs. H. Holmes | 10.00 |
| Mrs. F. C. Lee | 5.00 |
| From the Workers of Palama | 41.50 |
| W. L. M. | 5.00 |
| W. C. Ash | 10.00 |
| Capt. H. Freeman Jr. | 10.00 |
| Barbers | 5.00 |
| Mrs. H. E. Green | 10.00 |
| Dr. and Mrs. Henson | 10.00 |
| Friends | 4.00 |
| Dr. and Mrs. Rogers | 25.00 |
| A. Friend of child | 4.00 |
| Dr. J. Montgomery, San Angeles | 10.00 |
| John Trott | 5.00 |

Nearly Six Thousand Dollars Come in Voluntarily.

In little more than one day nearly six thousand dollars, in subscriptions ranging in amount from twenty-five cents to five hundred dollars, from rich and poor alike, poured into The Advertiser and Star-Bulletin and was collected by Rev. W. D. Westervelt to be forwarded to the sufferers in Nebraska, Ohio and Indiana. Before the sun had set yesterday more than five thousand dollars of this amount had been cabled to aid in the relief of those who are now helpless, hungry, maimed and dying in the path of the terrible floods and fires which have laid those once prosperous districts waste.

Aid Cabled Sufferers.

The money cabled yesterday was sent for the Honolulu Buckeye Society, Rev. W. D. Westervelt, president. It was forwarded by the First National Bank and was probably one of the first contributions to reach Governor Cox at Columbus, Ohio.

President Westervelt has a balance of \$200 to be sent with the next installment. The Honolulu lodge of Elks cabled \$250 to the order of the exalted ruler of the order. More will go forward today, and just as long as the need for help continues it is believed the people of Honolulu and the Territory at large will continue to send in their contributions. The Advertiser as well as the Star-Bulletin will receive contributions for the cause.

City Ready to Aid.

All that has prevented the city of Honolulu from making a liberal appropriation is uncertainty as to the powers of the supervisors. A meeting of that body was called yesterday, Supervisor Petrie proposed an appropriation and was willingly seconded by the others.

It will first be necessary to get an opinion from the city attorney. Supervisor Wolter urged haste and the question was referred to the legislative committee. It is possible that a way will be found today by which the city can add its share to the contribution.

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| C. J. Campbell | 5.00 |
| Students and Faculty, Mills School | 5.00 |
| B. P. O. E. (Cabled Exalted Ruler) | 250.00 |
| Julius Asch | 5.00 |
| Lewis Garrison | 5.00 |
| Clark Biggs, Iliya, Ohio | 5.00 |
| San Francisco Fire Victim | 5.00 |
| Ohio | 5.00 |
| Harry T. Mills | 5.00 |
| Leon M. Strauss | 5.00 |
| C. H. Brown | 25.00 |
| C. A. Shepard | 2.50 |
| C. W. Renner | 5.00 |
| Miriam Weinberg | 1.00 |
| Barnard Liebman | 5.00 |
| J. Carlo | 5.00 |
| Francis Levy | 5.00 |
| Mrs. A. P. Shepleigh | 5.00 |
| George H. Robertson | 100.00 |
| Mrs. Juliette M. Atherton | 250.00 |
| Cash | 25.00 |
| Joe Fernandez (Silent Barber Shop) | 2.50 |
| Employee Silent Barber Shop | 7.00 |
| Dr. John W. Ross | 5.00 |
| Edward Shepherd Grossman | 5.00 |
| Eva Reed Grossman | 5.00 |
| Chas. E. Frasher | 5.00 |
| F. W. Macfarlane | 25.00 |
| M. de Quadras | 5.00 |
| F. W. De Fines | 5.00 |
| F. S. Hafford, Bwa | 1.00 |
| Total | \$5,860.00 |

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—With the river receding 82.9 feet, 13 feet over the danger line and still rising, Cincinnati faces a serious flood. Residents in the low-lying districts are fleeing.

JAPANESE FLYERS MEET COMMON PATH

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

YOKO, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Lieutenants Takeda and Kikuta met death in an aviation fight today when their machine fell from a high altitude.

PARIS, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—His master standing in a motor, Victor Boncompagni fell and was killed and was instantly killed at Versailles, last here today.

RAPID TRANSIT BILL IN NEW FORM

Governor Frear in defense of his franchise bill and in a closing reply to President Tenney Peck last night said:
"Under this franchise the transit company is practically guaranteed eight per cent on its investment throughout its life and will ten per cent on its capital. This is not the condition under the present franchise.
"Further, it will get a good thing for thirty-seven years instead of seventeen years, and a sure thing instead of an uncertain thing.
"The figures I have used to-night were taken from the company's books. They show that it is getting well repaid for its early efforts. But what we are interested in is not the present, but the next thirty-seven years.
"The company complains of the power given the commission. They should study the power granted similar commissions on the mainland.
"I insist that the only way the public can be protected is by putting it in the bond.
"Under the proposed franchise it is 'heads the company wins,' for its returns are practically guaranteed."

From Saturday Advertiser.

Both sides of the franchise question, one from the viewpoint of Governor Frear, the other from the side of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company, as presented by President L. Tenney Peck, were heard before the select Oahu senate committee and other members of the senate and house of representatives as well as a large number of interested citizens last night. For three hours or more the two speakers in turn addressed the crowd which filled the assembly room of the house of representatives.

Governor Frear opened and closed the argument, if such it could be called, taking the franchise as proposed by himself section by section and pointing out the rights it would grant the company and the benefits which would be conferred upon the people. A long list of figures, showing the great care which must have been taken by the governor, were presented to show that under the present franchise the company's earnings have increased 178 per cent, over the business of the first year and eighty-five per cent, each year for the past five years.

"This is not a bad showing," said the Governor, "and would indicate that the outlook is pretty good."

"But this is a question which should be gone over carefully," continued the Governor, in speaking of the clause in his franchise limiting the dividends which shall be paid by the company to eight per cent. "It should be considered by the committee as well as by the people. Probably changes should be made."

Five Per Cent, Says Peck.

President L. Tenney Peck, on behalf of the company, took issue with the Governor.

"This company was organized to meet conditions with twelve miles of horse transportation in Honolulu," he said. "At that time 1767 per cent was not in sight! Two per cent was all we could get out of it after the old stockholders had sold out and returned to England. The property has cost \$2,000,000. The bondholders and stockholders, combined, in the past eleven years have received about five per cent on their investment. I will not attempt to state what difference that is from 1767 per cent."

A recent letter to The Advertiser published by President Peck and printed in leaflet form was offered to the committee to show the history of the earnings of the company from the time of organization.

Richard Ivers was called upon to give his version of what returns were figured in the proposed franchise and as to what constituted a twenty-five per cent addition in stock for development.

President Peck again took up the argument, pointing out how the company had operated empty cars for many months in Manoa Valley before passengers were finally found to patronize that system. He told of how under the present service a person can ride from ten to twelve miles for a nickel, while the present franchise stipulates that the company need not carry a passenger more than six miles for five cents.

The Zone System.

"Yet the Governor would make the distance still further," said the president of the transit company, "and give the commission power to increase this distance and reduce the fare. In cities on the mainland it is claimed that six miles is a reasonable distance for one fare. In Europe the systems are operated in zones and additional fare is charged as each zone is entered."

"I must say that some features proposed in the Governor's bill are good, but are we to get the eight per cent? Will the legislature do the square thing by us and give us a contract that will insure that eight per cent in the event that he proposed commission increase requirements on us which will make it unprofitable to conduct our business?"

"The Governor says he does not know the terms of our franchise, I say that unless there is knowledge of the rights of the Territory, and unless there is knowledge of the rights of the company under the franchise, it is time we came to an understanding."

The Hazard Involved.

In closing he spoke of the grave hazard in the company's contract with its bondholders by which the terms of the franchise must not be changed, saying that the adjustment of the world was

with others. Reference was made to the calamity in Ohio and Indiana and the hazard which accompanies investment.

"Let us hope," he said, "that we will be so guided in our legislation that these conditions will be taken into consideration and that in the event of the happening of the unforeseen the smallest stockholder will not suffer."

It was close to eleven o'clock when chairman Cecil Brown announced a recess of the committee until next Tuesday night, when further argument will be heard.

Bill Now Proposed.

The bill is now proposed by the Governor is said to be along similar lines to the one originally proposed by him with several minor changes and the elaboration of several clauses which are deemed important.

A few of the most important of the clauses are given herewith. Section 1 says:

Extended to 1950.

"That the term of the franchise granted by Act 69 of the laws of Hawaii of 1898 (Chapter 69 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii), is hereby extended to July 1, 1950, subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in said act and all amendments thereof."

Commission Created.

One upon which discussion is expected reads as follows:

"12. Additions, extensions and improvements of the railway and the equipment and works connected therewith shall be made or acquired by the said corporation and, when so made and acquired or furnished by others, shall thereafter be maintained and operated by it, whenever, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, it shall be directed so to do by a commission consisting of the Governor, the secretary, and the chief justice of the Territory, the first circuit judge of the first circuit and the mayor or other chief executive officer of the City and County of Honolulu or its successor, or by any public utility commission or other commission appointed as provided in Section 80 of the Organic Act of the Territory of Hawaii that may be authorized by the legislature to act in the matter instead of said commission hereinafter created; provided, that said commission shall not so direct unless in its opinion the earnings of said corporation when maintaining and operating such additions, extensions and improvements, together with its previously existing railway system, will be sufficient for the reasonable expenses of maintenance and operation, sinking funds, dividends of eight per cent per annum on the issued stock and the cash basis fund, as provided in the first subdivision of Section 17 of this act as amended; and said commission may likewise permit said corporation to cease the maintenance and operation of any portion of said railway, equipment and works, whenever in its opinion conditions so warrant or require. Any additions, extensions or improvements made or acquired by said corporation may be paid for in whole or in part out of earnings or the proceeds of bonds or the proceeds of stock or otherwise as said corporation may determine unless otherwise directed by said commission."

Could Fix Fares.

That dealing with the fares which the company can charge at the expiration of thirty years, says:

"2. After the expiration of said term of thirty years only such fares may be charged as shall be approved by said commission, provided that the commission shall not require a reduction of fares unless in its opinion the earnings of the corporation after such reduction will be sufficient for the reasonable expenses of maintenance and operation, sinking funds, dividends of eight per cent per annum on the issued stock, and the cash basis fund, as provided in the first five subdivisions of Section 17 of this act as amended."

Prominent Ones Interested.

Among those present were Senator Cecil Brown, chairman of the committee; Senator Wirtz, Senator C. P. Lauka, Senator A. F. Judd, Senator Chas. Rice, Senator Chas. F. Chillingworth, W. R. Castle, A. L. Castle, Deputy Attorney General Smith, Representative J. K. Paele, Senator David Baker, Representative A. Irwin, Representative J. W. Asch, Representative J. H. Coney, Representative Norman Watkins, Representative Paxson, D. L. Wittington, L. Tenney Peck, president Honolulu Rapid Transit Co., Richard Ivers, B. F. Dillingham, Col. J. H. Fisher, F. J. Teasdale, J. L. McLean, Speaker H. L. Holt, J. C. Lane, C. H. Hemenway, Mark Robinson, Representative G. H. Huddy, W. R. Farrington, R. H. Allen, C. S. Deaky, Supervisor Sam Dwight, Supervisor Petrie, Mr. Beedle, Thomas McTigue, J. M. Dowsett and H. Gooding Field.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 28.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Several hundred men, women and children were rescued from the west side early today.

Scenes ran about the streets crying out the names of relatives and asking if any one had seen them.

J. E. Vestal, wife and son and L. B. Gracey and wife were rescued this morning. They had been marooned in a house which had been floating about flood waters since Tuesday.

"When the water started rising," said Gracey, "we fled to the second story. We stood on chairs when the water reached our hips. We all believed we were doomed. We wrapped sheets around us for shrouds and then tied ourselves together so we would not be parted by death. Then we planned identification cards to our clothes so our bodies would be recognized."

No Mercy for Looters.

Colonel Berger today ordered his troops to shoot down on the spot any man caught looting.

Twenty-eight bodies were recovered today.

Martial law has been declared.

Rescuers reached the United Brethren Church this morning, but found no dead.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION.

How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its reputation by its reliable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by Dr. J. M. Dowsett & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii. Advertisement.

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